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SUBJECT: ARMED ATTACK ON US MILITARY VEHICLE

1. A US MILITARY VEHICLE PROCEEDING FROM IZMIR TO USAF
COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SITE (TUSLOG DET 63-1) LOCATED NEAR
VILLAGE OF YAMANLAR WAS ATTACKED ABOUT 11:30 PM ON 25
JANUARY BY UNIDENTIFIED GROUP WHO HAD BLOCKED ROAD WITH
ANOTHER VEHICLE. US VEHICLE CONTAINED 3 PERSONS, ONE US
AIRMAN AND 2 TURKISH CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. US AIRMAN AND
DRIVER WERE INJURED BY GUNFIRE. THREE ATTACKERS ARMED

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WITH HANDGUNS WERE OBSERVED, BUT SEVERAL MORE INDIVIDUALS
WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLE TOOK COVER ON GROUND WHERE THEY WERE
SEARCHED BY ATTACKERS, WHO TOOK NOTHING.

2. WITH RESPECT TO INJURIES SUSTAINED, US AIRMAN FIRST
CLASS RAYMOND C. KERSWILL SHOT IN WRIST, WHICH WAS BROKEN.
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TURKISH DRIVER, MEHMET HONCA RECEIVED EIGHT BULLET WOUNDS
IN ABDOMEN AND LEGS AND IS LISTED IN FIAR BUT STABLE CON-
DITION. OTHER TURKISH NATIONAL HAMDI RUZGAR NOT INJURED
BY GUNFIRE, BUT SUFFERED CUTS AND BRUISES, AND POSSIBLE
SHOCK.

3. TURKISH GENDARMERIE INVESTIGATING INCIDENT. FOR
PRESENT, THEY ARE ESCORTING PERSONNEL TO AND FROM

COMMUNICATIONS SITE. THIS SITE IS LOCATED ON A MOUNTAIN PEAK AT THE EASTERN END OF IZMIR BAY AND IS ACCESSIBLE BY NARROW, WINDING MOUNTAIN ROAD. STATION IS MANNED 24 HOURS AND SERVES AS PART OF USAF WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS NET. THE SITE HAS A TURKISH COMMANDER AND IS PROTECTED BY TURKISH SOLDIERS.

4. COMMENT. CIRCUMSTANCES OF INCIDENT STRONGLY SUGGEST

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THAT ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY A TERRORIST GROUP. PURPOSE COULD HAVE BEEN TO OBTAIN WEAPONS OR TO INJURE US FACILITIES/ PERSONNEL. ROBBERY IS MOST UNLIKELY MOTIVE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, INCIDENT DOES NOT APPEAR CONNECTED TO ANY LOCAL EVENT NOR ANY OBSERVED INCREASE IN ANTI-AMERICANISM OR ANTI-US MILITARY ACTIVITY. ON OTHER HAND, SEEMINGLY UNRELATED INCIDENT OF STONING BY STUDENTS OF CAR OF US ARMY OFFICER (WHO WAS IN UNIFORM AT THE TIME) ON AFTERNOON OF 25 JANUARY COUPLED WITH THIS INCIDENT HAS CREATED SOME CONCERN OVER SECURITY AMONG US MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

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